

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Meeting held 8 February 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, D Bonney, D Graham, C Heath, A Marsh, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present: 3 Members of the Public.

13.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Brown and O Williams.

14.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

15.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2024

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16.24 Public Participation

Seats on The Green and Lawrence Lane were reported as being in need of repair and a 20mph sigs on Bradley Lane has been damaged.

Further information was provided on the decision by the Secretary of State for applicants submitting major planning applications to have the choice of the application to be determined by either Chorley Council's Planning Committee or the Planning Inspectorate.

Information was provided regarding the provision of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) training at St Mary's Primary School. Year 4 students had walked around the village and identified areas in need of tidying. A suggestion was made for prizes for the amount of litter collected if the school was to arrange litter picking sessions.

17.24 Planning Matters

24/00053/DIS Application to discharge part 'a' of condition 4 (materials) of planning permission 22/00567/FUL (Erection of a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, part conversion / part demolition of an existing barn to create a new dwelling and installation of a new vehicular access from Parr Lane) at Nursery House Farm, Parr Lane

There were no objections to this application.

18.24 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Councillors considered transfers between budgets to clear negative balances.

Resolved: virements between budgets were approved.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£	76.08	Everflow	Water/wastewater
£	169.78	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning
£	195.00	DWG (NW)	Repairs to bridge
£	1549.90	Wernick Hire	Hire/removal - temporary changing rooms
£	2576.15	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£	169.78	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning
£	850.42	Opus Energy	Gas
£	28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub) - September
£	18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

19.24 Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting

There were no suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities, instead the completion of the outstanding items from previous years are to be requested at the meeting.

A suggestion for a community defibrillator on The Carrington Centre was put forward. Enquiries are to be made with the Management Company.

20.24 Committee Report

A verbal report from a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee was provided. Installation of the new play equipment has been completed. The Post Installation Report has revealed several issues which are to be rectified by the contractor. Estimates for topping up the path around the Recreation Fields and for the installation of a field drain along the path which runs alongside the new housing development off Parr Lane are to be obtained.

Estimates to fence off the surface water drain from Newlands, a crushed stone path along the Newlands side of the Millennium Green, a round bed and individual brick built seats on the block paved circle and price for a raised planter on the verge at the entrance to The Hawthorns are also to be obtained.

21.24 Clerk's Report

Recreation Park Play Area - work is continuing and details of the completion date is awaited.

Changing Rooms - the temporary changing rooms have been collected.

Request for parking restrictions at the Carrington Centre - Lancashire County Council Highways Officers had advised "Highway parking restrictions are provided at locations where parking related road safety concerns have been identified. New Mill Street has a good safety record with no recorded collisions within the last 5 years."

Speed Indicators - awaiting LCC Highways Engineers survey of the revised location on Towngate in advance of installation of the mounting post. As demolition of the site adjacent to the initial proposed location opposite St Agnes' has been carried out, an alternative site on Langton Brow is being investigated

Will Trust - The Trust Management Company confirmed a payment has been made to HM Revenue and Customs in relation to the potential Inheritance Tax liability and queried whether the current investments should be liquidated or left invested. It was felt appropriate to leave the investments in place.

Anti-social behaviour - following a spate of vandalism, including damage to vehicles and tyres being slashed footage from the CCTV cameras on The Hub has been viewed by the Police.

A sink hole has appeared on Eccleston Primary School's site near the boundary with the Millennium Green. The School is arranging an investigation of this and it may be in connection with the drainage ditch along the fence.

22.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

23.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 March 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.